

### 'Get Acquainted' Tea Held by Newton PTA at Willett's Home

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The big social event of the week was the "Get Acquainted" tea held by the Newton School PTA in Mrs. Otto Willett's home at 221 Via Los Altos last Wednesday afternoon. The tea was a big success with more than 125 women in attendance. Hostesses for the afternoon were the PTA board members. After getting so well acquainted everyone is looking forward to the next meeting to be held in the Newton School cafeteria on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Now we get down to some of the serious things in life. As you know, the time has rolled around for the mothers' March of Dimes. This year it will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 31. All householders wishing to donate to the polio drive should keep their porch lights on that evening from 7 to 9 p.m.

Mary Johnson, of 4703 Green Meadows, is chairman of the Ellinwood area. Other mothers donating their time and efforts to this worthy cause are: Sue Goode, Bernice Pickering, Kathy Arnold, Ann Burns, Jane Cloud, Phyllis Short, Naomi Dutschke, June Odum, Elsie Coster, Phyllis Schenk, Dot Hurst, Dorothy Dixon, Sharon Stendel, Toni Romero, Phyllis Taylor, Judy McKinley, Ruth Mosley, Dot Clements, Joan Palmer, Helen Hackbusch, Loradel DeArmitt, Marion Zurborg, Rosalie Davis, Lois Bruhaker, Marie Dossi, and Pat Michalek.

Mrs. Nathan Goode, of 4702 Green Meadows Ave., and her three daughters, Jean, 7; Linda, 5; and Nancy, 1½, returned this week from a month's visit with Sue's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McClain, of Austin, Tex. Mr. McClain has been hospitalized with cancer, but was able to be home with his family over the holidays and to enjoy the visit of his three little granddaughters. Sue drove to and from Texas with the three girls. Meanwhile, over the holidays, instead of spending time alone, Nathan made a trip to the San Francisco area and visited friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William Calahan, of 4402 Pacific Coast Hwy., and daughter, Linda, have just returned from a 10 day visit with Bill's relatives in the mid-west. They stopped in Oklahoma City and Kansas City, then visited Bill's brother, Dr. Norman Calahan in Bartlesville, Okla., before returning home. They had beautiful weather throughout their vacation. The only snow they saw was through the mountains in Arizona. The temperature most of the time back there was in the 70s.

We have more New Year's parties to report that didn't get into the column last week. Among them is the progressive party held on Newton St. Between 36 and 40 people attended. The first open house was the Lawrence N. Glarum residence, at 4515 Newton, where the guests all enjoyed cocktails, Tom and Jerries, and punch. The second open house was the David R. Hume residence, at 4521 Newton, where the guests were served hors d'oeuvres, according to reports of those attending. The party wound up



TRADITIONAL WELCOME . . . Dr. Eugene L. Cook, member of the Torrance Rotary Club, brings the traditional Hawaiian lei of friendship from Capt. Gill M. Richardson, of USN, of Hawaii's fellowship committee. Dr. Cook, one of 450 Rotarians from 46 states and 12 foreign countries entertained by the Honolulu club during recent months, visited the weekly luncheon meeting of the club in December.

### Classes on Income Tax Scheduled

Income tax time is now with us and many have already received instruction circulars and forms to be completed. But many questions always arise about how to complete these forms properly. Therefore, Torrance Evening High School will offer a course in income tax beginning Thursday evening, Jan. 19.

In cooperation with the Federal and State Departments of Internal Revenue, and the Society of California Accountants, this income tax course will consist of a series of four lectures on the compilation of state and federal taxes.

Benjamin Fairhurst, a practicing public accountant and member of the SCA, will conduct these lectures beginning Thursday evening, Jan. 19, and continuing each Thursday evening thereafter through Feb. 9. The lectures are scheduled in the Torrance High School Library, 2200 W. Carson St., from 7:30 to 10 p.m., and are offered as a free public service to all who wish to attend. Registration will begin at 7 p.m. in the Library, Jan. 19.

Further information on these and other adult evening classes may be obtained by calling Torrance Evening High School, FA 8-2272.



DR. NICOLAUS H. ZRINYI  
... Opens Office Here

### New Dentist Opens Office

Dr. Nicolaus H. Zrinyi, who has been with the Harbor Hospital Dental Clinic for the past nine years, has resigned and opened offices in Torrance at 1104 Sartori Ave. A native of Montana, Dr. Zrinyi came to Los Angeles in 1938 and was graduated from the SC School of Dentistry in 1945. Following a year of practice in Inglewood, he joined the Harbor General Hospital staff in 1947.

He has served at the hospital since that time with the exception of a two-year period with the U. S. Public Health Service—one year of which he served at the Navajo Reservation, and most of another in Alaska.

### Hearing Set On Underpass Widening Job

The Public Utilities Commission will hear arguments on Jan. 31 on the State's petition for orders authorizing the widening of the El Nido underpass on Hawthorne Ave. at 190th St.

Improvement of Hawthorne Ave. from 174th St. to Pacific Coast Hwy. was completed last year but the State has been unable to acquire access to the underpass area from the Santa Fe Railway.

Torrance has supported the State's petition for widening of the underpass, according to City Manager George Stevens. Several serious auto accidents have occurred at the narrow roadway there.

### City Safety Record Pays In Refunds

Refunds on premium paid by the city into the State Compensation Insurance Fund totaling \$9716.77 have been received by the city according to City Manager George Stevens.

Return of the premium "is illustrative of the cost reductions available under the State Fund's plan of insurance with accidents and their attendant costs are kept to a minimum," Fund Manager E. R. Howard wrote.

The premium dividend had the effect of lowering the city's insurance cost for the year to less than 38 per cent of the standard premium, Stevens said.

Stevens said the city's accident prevention activities and good record of safety earned the dividend.

### It's Warm, But Dangerous, According to Fire Chief

The traditional cold-morning practice of dressing by an open fire can be dangerous, Fire Chief J. Jay Benner warned today, if flame is not completely enclosed or well guarded.

Users of unvented open-flame space heaters in Torrance were particularly warned that these heaters are a definite fire hazard if not properly used. "Never stand in front of open-flame heaters when dressing," he cautioned, "and locate these heaters out of the foot traffic patterns of the room and away from combustible materials, such as drapes and chairs."

These precautions will reduce the hazards of using unvented open-flame space heaters, the Chief explained. But the best long-term solution, he said, is to replace them with vented heating equipment that has the burner completely enclosed to eliminate the fire hazard.

Every year fires result from careless use of open-flame type heating equipment, the Chief explained. And, every year people are burned, usually women and children, when their clothes accidentally catch fire from open-flame heaters.

Other safeguards suggested by Chief Benner for users of open flame heaters include the use of metal connectors for attaching the heaters to the gas piping. "Flexible cloth-covered rubber hoses deteriorate and are the cause of fires," he said. Also, he suggested that the gas company or a competent service agency be called periodically to check the heater to be certain it is in proper working order.

### WALLET TAKEN IN BOLD RAID

A bold thief entered a local home Saturday and took a wallet containing \$25 from a woman's purse and left undetected, according to a report filed with police by Mary Ann Hays, of 21802 Paul St.

She told authorities that the purse was laying open on a sofa. The wallet also contained a driver's license, picture and valuable papers, she related to police.

### Rabbi Cohn To Analyze Middle East

Israel is in the headlines again. What is behind the fighting and discension in the Middle East?

Rabbi Franklin Cohn, of Kadimah Temple, Los Angeles, will attempt to analyze the situation in Israel for those attending the regular monthly meeting of Temple Menorah, Wednesday, Jan. 18th, 8:30 p.m., at the South Bay Jewish Community Center, 112½ N. Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach.

A very interesting evening in store for those coming to hear Rabbi Cohn discuss his topic "Crisis in the Middle East."

By popular request, the program committee, is again bringing Shifra Boxer, who will demonstrate and lead those attending in some typical Israeli folk dances. Refreshments and a social hour will round out the evening.

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